

# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This is in response to the letter from Peter C. Anderson from Sudbury regarding Day Care in Terrace Bay. It seems that he has suggested that all the ills of our society can be blamed on one thing: "working mothers." I beg to differ.

As I recall, there was as much of a generation gap when I was a child as there is now, and most mothers stayed home 25 years ago.

Mr. Anderson neglected to mention single parents, who have no choice but to work. For those, affordable day care is a necessity, not a luxury.

There are good parents and bad parents, just as there is good and bad in any situation. I don't feel parenting can be judged solely by whether or not the mother is home. If a mother chooses to stay home with her children, great, but if, for reasons that are hers and her family's business and not anyone else's, she decided to work, that option should be as available to her as it is to any father.

Parenting does not mean being a slave to your children. It means helping them to grow to be independent, responsible human beings and that can be accomplished as well if not better by a working parent spending time really talking to their child, than a mom who is home but not taking an interest in what their child is doing.

I know that this seems to have gone far beyond the point of whether or not there should be a Day Care Centre in Terrace Bay, but I resent the implications in Mr. Anderson's letter. The fact that people without children may be asked to support a Centre is a more legitimate concern, in my opinion, than those raised by Mr. Anderson.

What Terrace Bay needs is a facility that can be utilized by the majority of people in town. An auditorium or hall, which can be used for dances or other functions, that can double as a Day Care Centre during the day, would utilize funds and space more effectively.

I hope the people of Terrace Bay will get together on this issue and not be divided by what some uninformed, armchair politicians have to say.

Catherine Adey  
Rossport, Ont.

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Dear Editor:

Something new and stimulating is happening in the towns of Schreiber and Terrace Bay. Two separate groups of women came together throughout the past several months and acted upon some of the results of Project Mayday.

As a result, Drop-in Centres for women were established in both communities. They offer various programs of interest, but they are also meant to be a meeting for women. Babysitting services are provided for a nominal fee. No pressure is put on anyone.

Where are the women who should be there supporting this endeavour? Do you get the winter blues, do your kids sometimes drive you round the bend? Are you lonely? Are you new in town with no chain of friends yet? Maybe you just need to be around women who share your dreams and concerns.

I have been going to the Women's Resource Centre and I want to say thank you to the women who initiated this project and worked very hard for the good of us all. Please come out and see what is happening in our communities.

Georgette Cebrario

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Dear Editor:

Easter! What does the word mean to you? I realize it is the time of year when we think of our risen Lord and the excitement of the disciples and Mary of the first Easter Day. Jesus, their friend, had risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

Easter is also the awakening of new growth and life in our hemisphere and with the first swelling of the buds on the trees and the early flowers and green grass, we feel a kind of excitement and exultation, too.

How much greater that feeling must be for someone who had been blind and now, because of treatment and surgery, can see all the beautiful world once again. When a blind person receives the gift of sight it is for them the gift of a new life ... almost a resurrection! Eyes are precious and the gift of sight is God-given. The affliction of blindness is one of nature's sharpest spurs.

If any of you reading this would like to give someone

the "the gift of sight", I suggest you send your contribution to operation Eyesight Universal which is a Canadian charity with headquarters in Calgary, Alberta. The address is Operation Eyesight Universal, P.O. Box 123, Station M, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2H6. This is a registered charity and contributions are tax deductible.

I have been part of the OEU team in Victoria for some years and find it a great joy to show slides and talk on the work in the seventeen countries where we help restore sight to the destitute blind. I tell my listeners about the thousands who have recovered their sight because of OEU and the thousands more who are treated for eye diseases to help prevent blindness. I also tell them that for each \$25 donation they will receive a receipt and a patient identification card showing the name, age and sex of the person to whom they gave new sight and new life. The card is signed by the officiating surgeon.

What a wonderful feeling you will have to know you have given "new life" and celebrated the Joy of Easter in a new way!

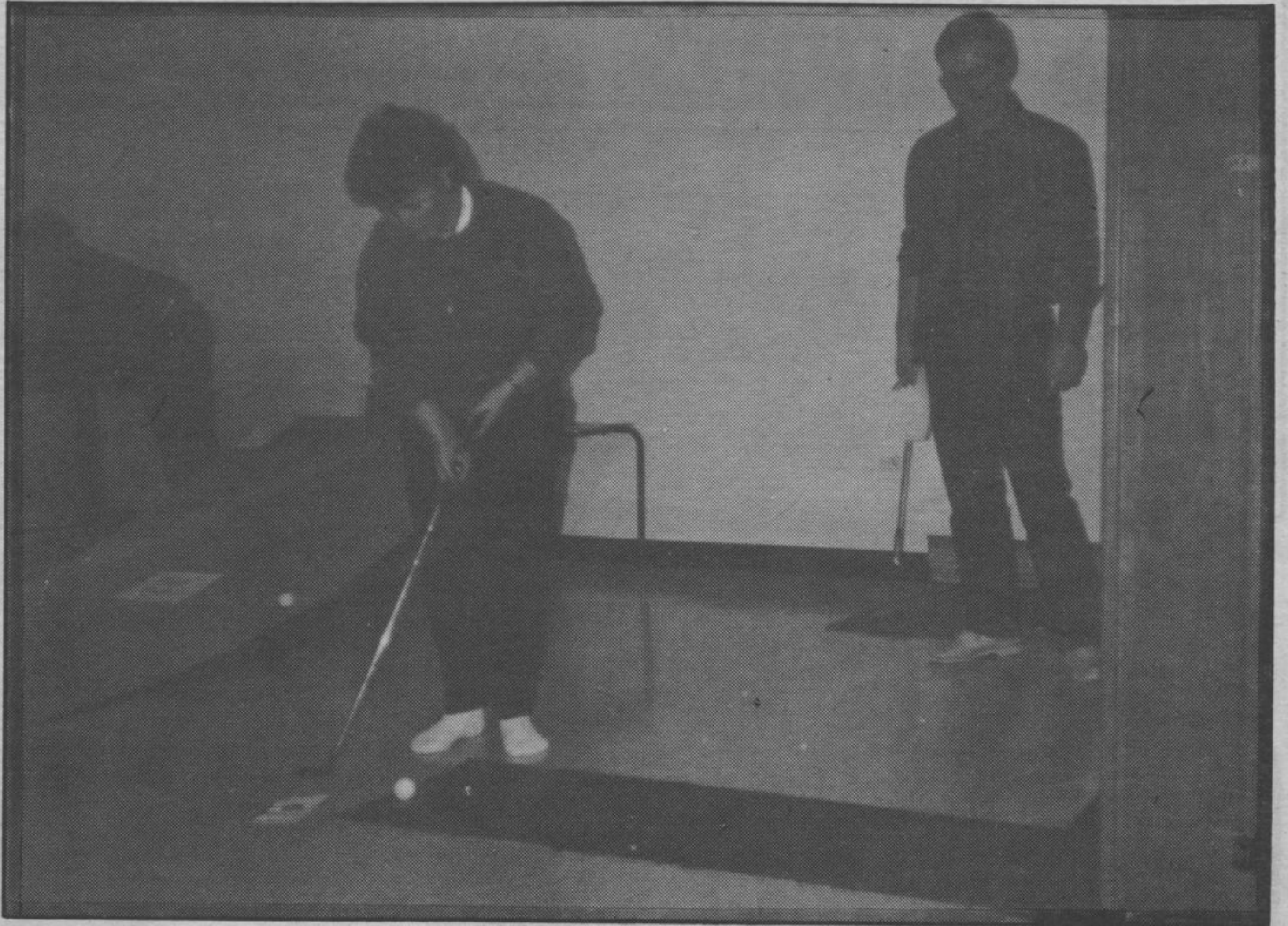
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ple of the many events that this group enjoys. The group welcomes anyone 12 years of age and over that is interested in having a good time. For more information, call 825-9368 or 824-3436. (Photograph and text provided by Keith Milne.)

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